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Title: GOALIE SKATE PROTECTIVE SHELL WITH
REMOVABLE BLADE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.144 AND
M.P.E.P § 716.01

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Sir:

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The Office Action dated March 14, 2003, has been received and carefully reviewed. The Examiner's reconsideration is requested on two grounds. First, the withdrawal of claims 9-20 is improper. The Examiner's assertion that claims 9-20 are directed to a different invention is not supported by the appropriate standard for defining inventions distinct from and independent of one another. Second, the failure to explain why the Declaration is insufficient to overcome the rejection of the claims is improper. The Examiner is required to explain why the Declaration is sufficient to overcome the rejection and has not been provided.

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